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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KAGAME OF RWANDA TO PRESIDENT-ELECT OBAMA

11. The following letter was received on November 6, 2008 from the President of Rwanda, Paul Kagame, to President-Elect Barack Obama:

05 November 2008

President-Elect Barack Obama
United States of America

Dear President-Elect Barack Obama,

It gives me great pleasure to convey to you, the Democratic Party, and the American people, on behalf of the Government and people of Rwanda, and on my own behalf, our most heartfelt congratulations on this historic occasion of your election as the 44th President of the United States of America.

Your resounding success is clear demonstration of the confidence the American people have in your leadership to steer them into a more promising future.

The implications of your election go beyond the United States of America to the rest of the world including Africa and Rwanda in particular, especially in these times of critical global challenges.

I have no doubt that there exists worldwide goodwill to address these difficulties that affect us all and take this opportunity to assure you of our commitment, as Rwanda, to play our part.

We look forward to working with you and your administration to strengthen the existing excellent relations between our countries.

Sincerely,
/S/
Paul Kagame

12. The original will follow via diplomatic pouch registration number 5378509.

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